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Dear Sir:

As a concerned person living in the Fairwood subdivision in Union, SC, I was very upset to say the least when I received your notice announcing another raise in the sewer rates. We have lived here since 1985 and I do understand that rates increase over the years, however, this company seems to want to gouge its customers.

We are a retired couple living at this address and ~~out~~ neighbor next door lives by herself and is not home during the day. The last time our rates went up it was a \$17.04 increase from 32.26 to \$49.30 per month. A meeting was set up just before the increase for the public to respond. There was a very good turnout at the meeting including some old folks who said they could not afford a \$17.04 increase, but like most of these meetings this fell on deaf ears. Thus our next bill went from \$32.26 per month up to \$49.30 per month. This was in 2003. In 2005 someone must have felt sorry and we got a grand deduction of \$1.06 WOW. This brought our bill down to \$48.24. Not much of a deduction after a raise of \$17.04 per month.

Now in 2006 they want another \$17.48 raise which would bring our sewer bill up to 65.72. This is an outrageous amount for a sewer bill per month. We donot get water from this company. When does this stop!!! How do they expect people on a fixed income, or for anyone for that matter, to be able to afford \$65.72 a month for sewer alone?

On the price schedule that we received with the letter, I donot understand the rate of \$48.24 for a single residence and then below it says for a single residence, all except Gem Lakes, which would include us a rate for a single residence of 24.66. This seems a reasonable rate for a months sewer service. Also I would like to know why a mobile home many with 2 adults and 3 or 4 children pay a lower rate than we do. Something is drastically wrong with this schedule. These mobile homes would use much more sewer service than we would. Something must be done. We do not need anymore increases since we already pay more than anyone else is paying for sewer service. We also pay the same amount as commercial service which seems out of line to me.

Month of May, City of Union, 3 adult home  
\$16.44.

Sincerely,  
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State Sen. Linda H. Short and State Rep. Mike Anthony  
State Sen. Jim Ritchie.